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Title: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR RENDERING IMAGE, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM

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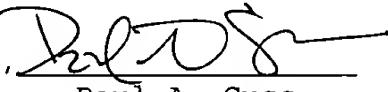
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The information is in the form of references which have been cited in a corresponding Office Action from the European Patent Office (EPO), dated April 1, 2003, as a foreign counterpart application to the present application.

A copy of the EPO Search Report is enclosed, along with seven (7) references cited therein.

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